

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WATER SUPPLY IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is encouraging change from ground water to surface water for rural water supply to improve water quality; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b): Drinking Water Supply is a State subject and Government of India renders financial and technical assistance to the State Governments for providing potable drinking water in rural areas. Government of India is encouraging sustainability of drinking water supply schemes. As a strategy conjunctive use of water is promoted, which inter-alia includes judicious use of surface water, ground-water and roof-top rainwater harvesting.